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TOPIC Infantry Unit in Wielun

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1. Prior to March 1951, a small guard detail of a Polish infantry unit was located in a hutment of four or five huts situated on the northern perimeter of Wielun (Q 52/T 37). No other Polish or Soviet units were observed in and around the city, nor were any barracks installations located there.
2. Prior to July 1950, a Polish infantry unit of 300 to 400 men, which was moved to an undetermined place at that time, had been located in that hutment. Before being moved, the unit was frequently observed marching out for field exercises. In general, the marching column included three units of approximately equal strength followed by two or three horse-drawn, canvas-covered vehicles. No weapons other than rifles and submachine guns were observed. Since no post drill ground was available, combat practice was held on the fields around Wielun. Judging by the type of training, the unit was a training battalion.
3. Individual soldiers of this unit were observed on the streets of the city. They wore greenish brown uniforms, long trousers with puttees, and either round or garrison caps.

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